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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Policy and Planning, DCI

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:   
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT: Withdrawal of FBIS TRENDS from Public Sale

REFERENCE: A. Memorandum for Director, NFAC from DDCI, dated  
15 July 1981, Subject: Public Release of NFAC  
Unclassified Reports

B. NFAC Notice No. 51-12, dated 23 October 1981,  
Limitations on the Release of NFAC Publications  
to the General Public

1. This memorandum requests your concurrence in the withdrawal of declassified issues of the FBIS TRENDS IN COMMUNIST MEDIA from public sale and distribution. Background is provided below.

2. The weekly TRENDS, published under Confidential cover, is automatically declassified six months after date of issue and offered at that time for public sale through NTIS. A list of current subscribers is attached. Microfiche copies of the declassified TRENDS are also sent to the Gifts and Exchange Division of the Library of Congress and to the GPO for distribution through the Library Depository Program. These practices date from a 1975 decision of the then DDI, in keeping with Agency policy at the time.

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3. It would be consistent with present Agency policy to limit distribution of the TRENDS to official recipients. While the TRENDS are based wholly on open sources, they are analytic reports produced in CIA with judgments that reflect analysts' views on sensitive subjects of importance to the Administration's policies.\* The principles outlined in the references concerning the restrictions on dissemination of NFAC publications would seem to apply to FBIS analytical publications as well.

4. Withdrawing the TRENDS from public sale and distribution would create some risk of adverse publicity, but we believe it would be slight.

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Attachments:

- A. List of Subscribers
- B. TRENDS Cover

CONCUR:

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Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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Date

\* The TRENDS does not carry CIA attribution. See Attachment B.

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